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FORMER CONTROLLER OF ALPHA FUND JOINT POWERS
AGENCY SENTENCED TO 12 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT
FOR EMBEZZLEMENT OF MORE THAN \$300,000

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that the former controller of the Alpha Fund Joint Powers Agency was sentenced to 12 months and a day imprisonment for embezzling over \$300,000 in funds from the state agency. BARBARA MANNING, 41, of Rocklin, California, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Morrison C. England, Jr. in Sacramento, California. In addition to her prison term, MANNING was ordered to pay restitution of \$331,162.00, serve a two year term of supervised release following her release from prison, and pay a \$100 special assessment.

This case was the product of an extensive investigation conducted by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Robert Tice-Raskin, who prosecuted the case, Alpha Fund is a California public entity located in Rancho Cordova which provided self-insured workers' compensation coverage for employees of local government entities. Beginning in July 1997 and continuing through July 2002, MANNING, as controller of the Alpha Fund, issued over 100 checks from the Alpha Fund bank account payable to herself and purposefully failed to record information regarding issuance of the checks in the Fund check register. MANNING later deposited these checks into various bank accounts which she controlled and used the funds for her own benefit.

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